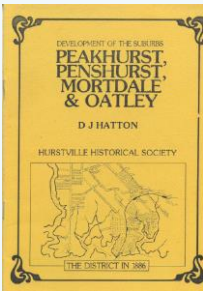




Georges River Stories Vol.1

A selection of articles from Georges River Librarians' blog, 2019-20
John MacRitchie



Local History on Indyreads

Local Studies Librarians Meeting, Parramatta Library, 24 March 2023

Presenter: John MacRitchie, Librarian Local Studies, Georges River

Background

Council's mission to better engage with our diverse community.

Our wish to exploit under-used publications in the Library's Local Studies collection.

Can we bring local material to a wider audience?



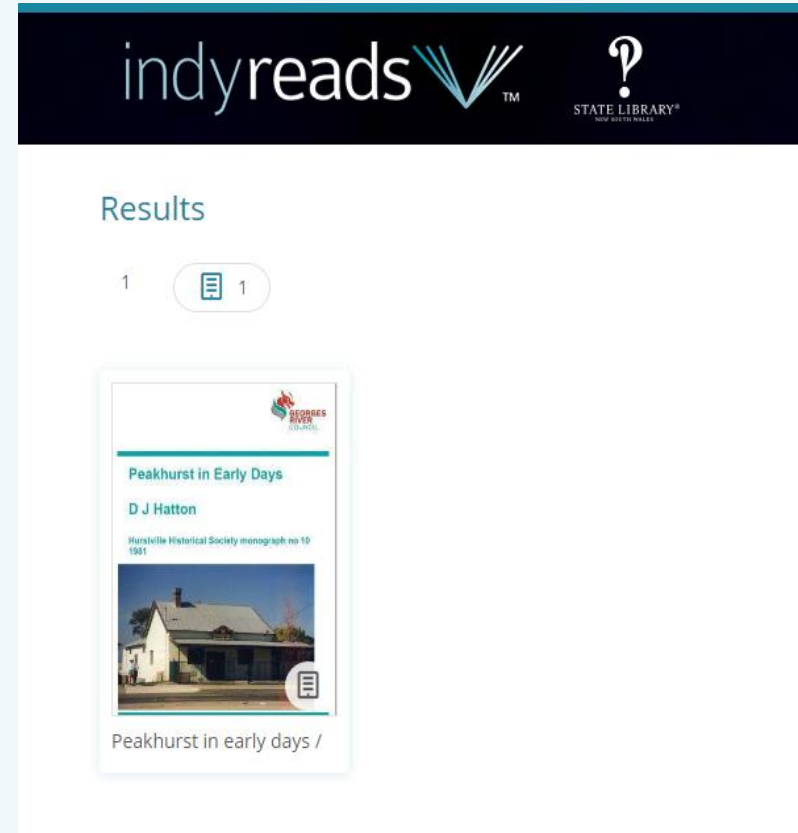
Goals

To make available out-of-print works of interest about the Georges River area.

To exploit the State Library's Indyreads platform to achieve wide potential readership.

To boost statistics.

To open access to neglected but useful items.



The screenshot displays the Indyreads interface. At the top, the 'indyreads' logo is on the left and the 'STATE LIBRARY' logo with a question mark icon is on the right. Below the header, the word 'Results' is centered. A search bar contains the number '1' and a list icon. The main content area features a book cover for 'Peakhurst in Early Days' by D J Hatton. The cover includes the Georges River Council logo, the title, the author's name, and the text 'Hurstville Historical Society monograph no 10 1981'. A photograph of a white house with a blue roof is shown on the cover. Below the cover, the text 'Peakhurst in early days /' is visible.

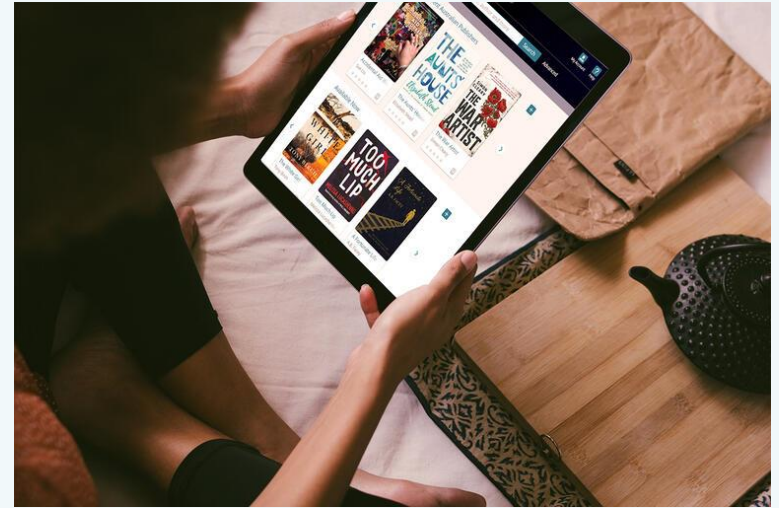
What is Indyreads?



Indyreads is an eContent management platform which circulates digital titles to library card-holders.

It allows public libraries to operate as aggregators of locally important content.

Digitised books, manuscripts, ephemera, oral histories, music and video content from participating public libraries' local studies collections can be uploaded onto the platform at no cost.



Example

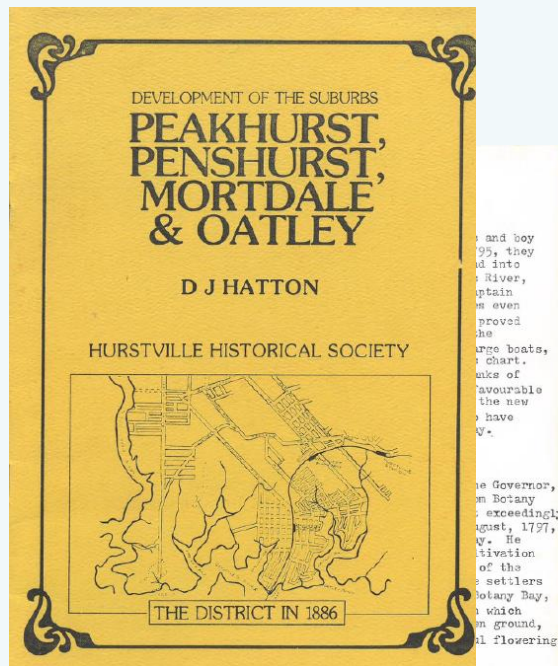
Published 1981.

Author deceased, commissioning
Society now defunct.

Never reprinted.

Unappealing typescript format, no
illustrations or footnoting.

But - good quality information.



Major George Johnston had been granted land on the upper reaches of George's River, at the present Georges Hall. But on the lower reaches, the only visitors were in small ships. They gathered shells for burning to produce lime for mortar for the buildings of Sydney,

hence Line Kiln Bay; and they carried off timber from the forests of St. George for the building of boats, wharves and buildings of the settlement at Sydney.

MRS. HANNAH LYCOCK

The first land grant in the St. George area was on 11 August, 1804, when Mrs. Hannah Lycock was granted 500 acres which she called "Kings Grove Farm" in honour of Governor King. Several small grants were made adjacent to her farm, and then the Tomson brothers, John and Robert, in 1808 and 1809, together received almost 4,000 acres, extending from the present Boundary Road, Mortdale, to Freddy's Road, Bexley. The line of the present King George's Road, divided their largest grants. Both the Tomsons complained to the Governors about the unsuitability of their land for cultivation or grazing. Robert Tomson's original grant totalled 2,405 acres and extended to Riverwood and Oatley districts, but because this land was covered with wood and unfit for sheep, he exchanged 800 acres of it for 1,000 acres at Minto, where he built his home "Warroville".

The lack of easy access to the area was a deterrent to further grants for some years. The lower reaches of Cook's River were difficult to cross and ferds were made on the upper reaches. The route to Sydney was initially via Campsie to Parramatta Road, and later via Enfield to Liverpool Road. "Several bush tracks led to the farms lying between George's and Cook's rivers; on Salt Pan Creek and on the upper part of George's River, and further into the wild country to the South". So the farms were clustered around the head of Salt Pan Creek and the present day Lakemba. With the establishment of a punt across Cook's River at Canterbury in 1833, there was a saving of six miles to Sydney and the building of the dam at Cook's River in 1839 provided a road crossing directly into the St. George area.

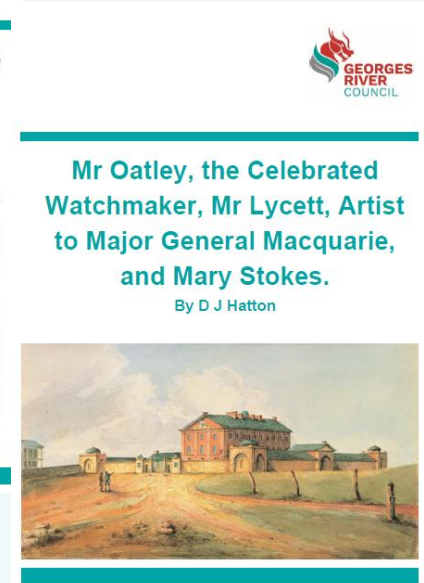
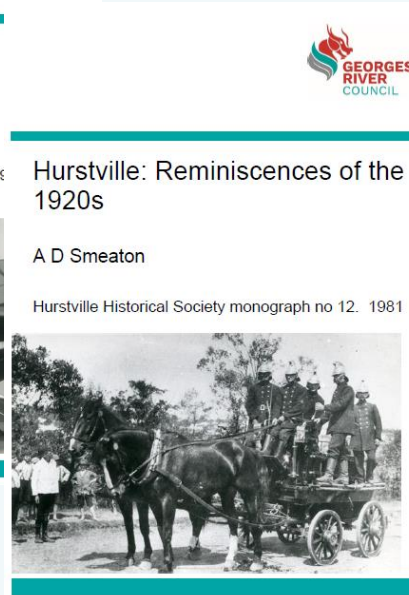
Format

Standard template.

Council logo and corporate colours.
Acknowledgment of Country.

A4 format PDFs

Opportunity to augment with photos, footnotes and occasional corrections.



Cataloguing

Items as shown in our Spydus catalogue.

Links to an option to borrow the item.

Documents upload as PDFs, some original cataloguing required.

The screenshot shows the Spydus catalogue search results for the query 'georges river stories'. The page features the Georges River Libraries logo at the top left. The search bar contains the query 'georges river stories' and a search icon. To the right of the search bar is an 'Advanced search' dropdown menu set to 'All resources'. Below the search bar is a teal navigation bar with the text 'Home > Search results'. The main content area is titled 'Anywhere: georges river stories (Keywords)'. On the left side, there is a 'Filter results' section with options for 'And' (selected) and 'Not', and 'Availability' with a checkbox. Below this, there are two filter options: 'Titles with available items' and 'Titles available online'. The main results area shows 'Showing 1 - 20 of 35' items. The first two results are displayed. Each result includes a thumbnail image, the title 'Georges River stories Vol. 3 [electronic resource] : selected stories from Georges River Libraries' blog, 2020-2021' and 'Georges River stories Vol. 4 [electronic resource] : stories from Georges River Libraries' blog, 2021-22', the year '2022', the category 'Books, Manuscripts', a description of the content, and a 'View availability' link. There are also 'Add tags' and 'Add review' buttons for each item. The page also includes a 'Trove' logo and navigation links for 'Previous' and 'Next'.

Borrowing

Just arrived

 <p>Memories of Hurstville Phil Paul Interviewed by Bernard Sargeant, 29 March 1982 22 March 1984</p>	 <p>Post-War Hurstville Dick Swanton Interviewed by Bernard Sargeant, 29 March 1982</p>	 <p>Peakhurst in Early Days D J Hatton Hurstville Historical Society monograph no 12 1981</p>	 <p>Penshurst in Early Days D J Hatton Hurstville Historical Society monograph no 11</p>	 <p>Memories of Hurstville Dr Edward MacMahon Interviewed by Morgan Murphy, 23 March 1984</p>	 <p>Shops and Businesses in Georges River area, 1936 Extracted from <i>Wise's Business Directory</i></p>	 <p>Shops and Businesses in Georges River area, 1947 Extracted from <i>Wise's Business Directory</i></p>	 <p>Kogarah Roll of Honour WWI</p>
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Review, rating

Possible to add a rating.

Review comments.

Option to 'follow author'.

Griffin and the chain letter

MacRitchie, John [FOLLOW AUTHOR](#)

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Australia's first example of a 'chain letter' started as a well meaning hospital fundraiser, but it eventually spread out of control.

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Size
1 online resource

Ratings

5.0
★★★★★
1 rating

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